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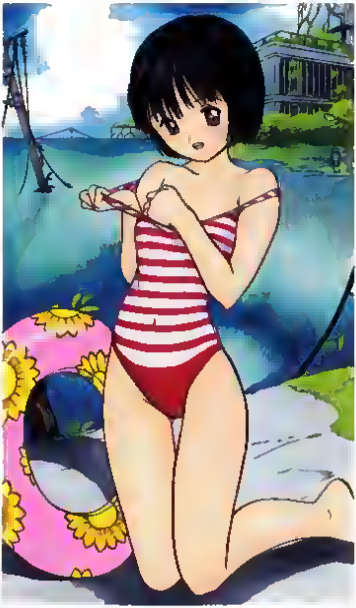

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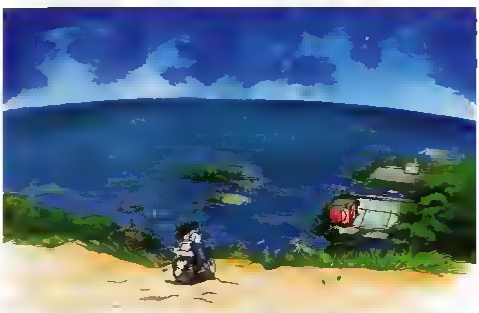

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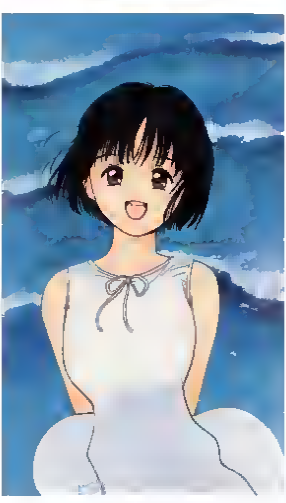

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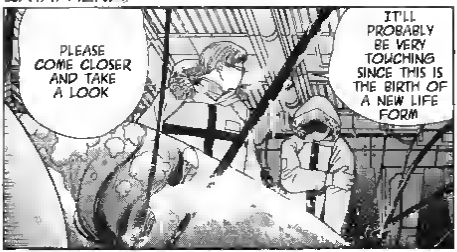
JETS COMICS

この本は、フィクション＋あの人物・団体・事件
とは一切関係ありません

愛人
AI REN
#1 BACK TO SPRING WITH YOU

ゴボォ
NOW, IT WILL SWITCH INTO PULMONARY RESPIRATION.


PLEASE COME CLOSER AND TAKE A LOOK
IT'LL PROBABLY BE VERY TOUCHING SINCE THIS IS THE BIRTH OF A NEW LIFE FORM

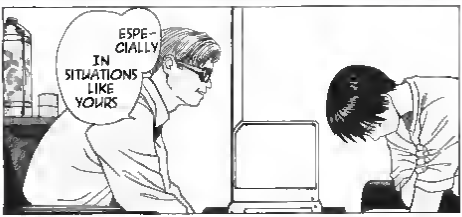
CAN YOU FEEL THE LIFE ENERGY COMING FROM HER?
SHE WAS BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD FOR YOUR SAKE

SHE WILL LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN THE WORLD

SHE IS YOUR "AI-REN".

IT'S THE FIRST TIME THE REQUESTOR HIMSELF HAS EVER COME IN PERSON TO APPLY
I DECIDED TO TURN IN AN APPLICATION FOR THE ALL-OUT HOPE PROGRAM AT THE BEATIFICATION CENTER.
YOUR CASE IS A VERY ODD ONE, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
AND THEY APPROVED IT.
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
AS IF IT WAS NOTHING.
SHE IS YOURS FROM NOW ON

BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE BESIDE YOU
THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL GUILTY OR DIRTY ABOUT REQUESTING AN AI-REN


ESPE-CIALLY IN SITUATIONS LIKE YOURS

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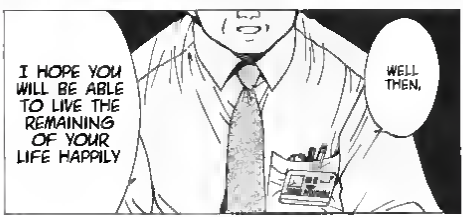
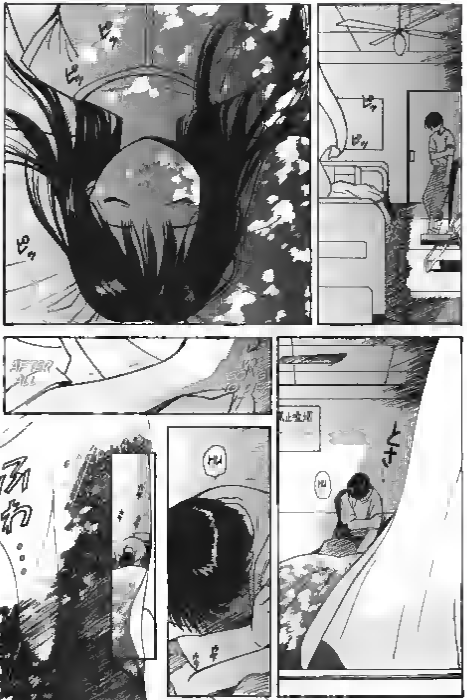

I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE THE REMAINING OF YOUR LIFE HAPPILY
WELL THEN,

AI-REN

HUMAN BEING MADE OUT OF
ARTIFICIAL GENES WITH THE PURPOSE OF
RELIEVING THE MENTAL DESPAIR OF A PATIENT
DURING HIS/HER LAST MOMENTS OF HIS/HER LIFE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着信
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禁止空間
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AH

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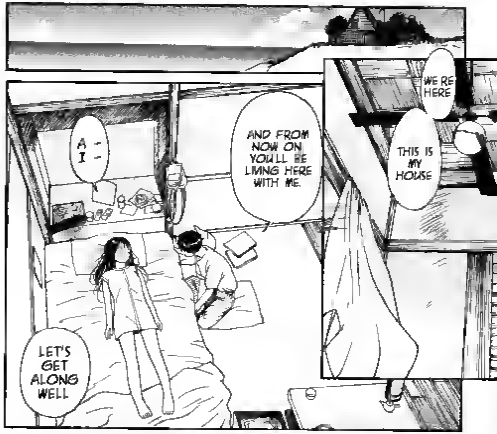
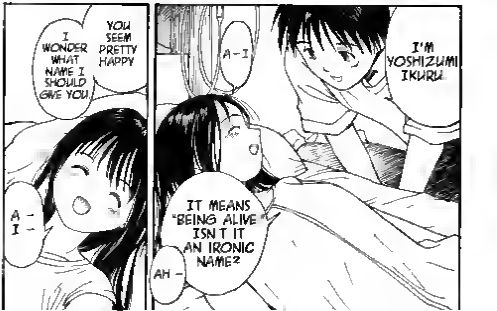
THEY TOLD ME YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK AND WALK TODAY.
AH AH—
THAT'S RIGHT
AH AH—
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AH AH—
"THUMP" "THUMP"
AH
AH
AH
AH
WATCH OUT!!
AA-AH!!
IT'S THE SEA! IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING IT SINCE YOU JUST CAME HOME, RIGHT?
AI

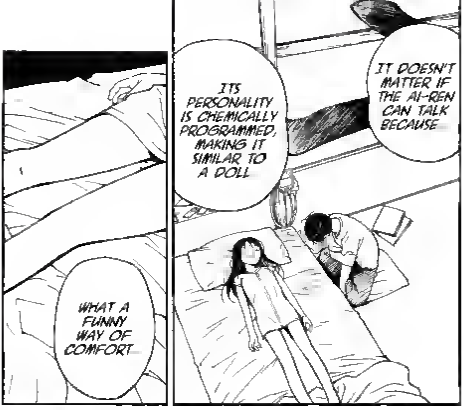
YEA

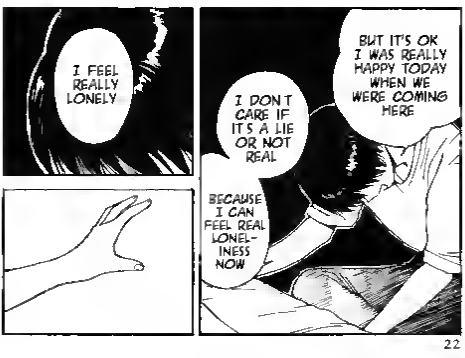
IT'S BEAUTIFUL


WE'RE HERE
THIS IS MY HOUSE
AND FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE LIVING HERE WITH ME.
A-I-
LET'S GET ALONG WELL

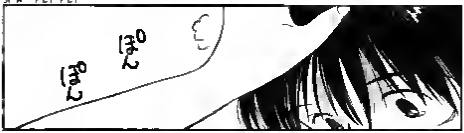

I'M YOSHIZUMI IKURU
A-I
IT MEANS "BEING ALIVE" ISN'T IT AN IRONIC NAME?
AH-
A-I-
I WONDER WHAT NAME I SHOULD GIVE YOU.
YOU SEEM PRETTY HAPPY

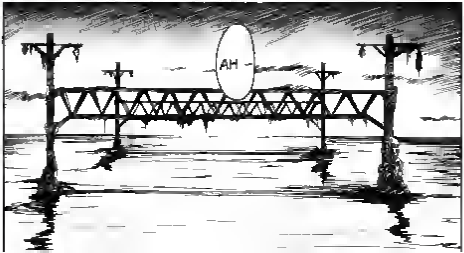
AI!
NOTE AI ALSO MEANS "YES" IN JAPANESE. EQUIVALENT OF HAI
HAHA! CAN I CALL YOU "AI" THEN?
A - I
YOU CAN'T EAT FOOD YET, RIGHT?
THAT'S A PITY I CAN COOK VERY WELL, YOU KNOW?
WHAT AM I DOING
I'LL COOK TOMORROW FOR YOU THOUGH
A - I


IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE AI-REN CAN TALK BECAUSE
ITS PERSONALITY IS CHEMICALLY PROGRAMMED, MAKING IT SIMILAR TO A DOLL
WHAT A FUNNY WAY OF COMFORT


I FEEL REALLY LONELY
BUT IT'S OK I WAS REALLY HAPPY TODAY WHEN WE WERE COMING HERE
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A LIE OR NOT REAL
BECAUSE I CAN FEEL REAL LONELINESS NOW

SFX "PET PET"

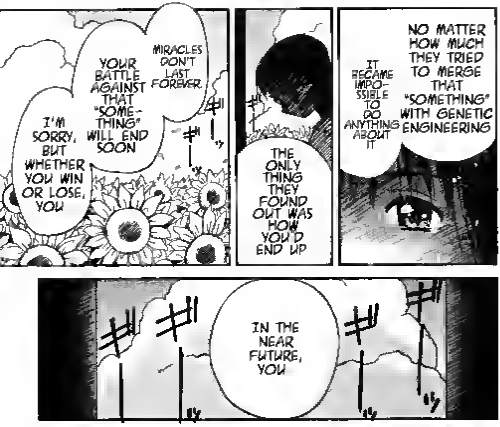


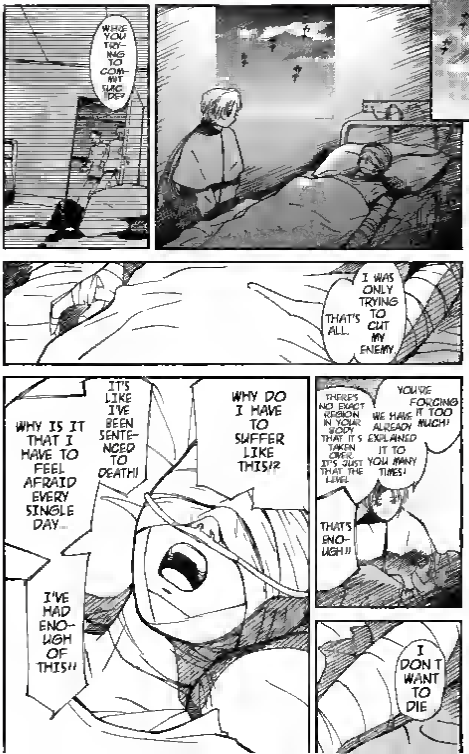


IS IT REALLY OCTOBER?
IT'S HOT
THEY FINALLY REACHED A DECISION ABOUT YOU
THIS IS VERY IMPO-RTANT, SO PAY ATTEN-TION
HOW ARE YOU FEE-LING?
THE CASE HITS ARE AWFULLY LOW TODAY
OK

OF COURSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER IT
BUT AS SOON AS YOU WERE BORN YOU WERE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WITH YOUR PARENTS
YOUR PARENTS PASSED AWAY AND YOU LOST HALF OF YOUR BODY NORMALLY, YOU WOULD'VE DIED, BUT
A PERSON GAVE YOU SOME SORT OF TRANSPLANT
AND SURPRISINGLY, YOUR BODY WAS SAVED LIKE WHEN A TREE GRAFTS TO ANOTHER TREE YOU WERE ABLE TO LIVE ON
YOUR LIFE WAS SAVED, BUT YOU WERE UNABLE TO BE THE PERSON YOU WERE BORN AS ANYMORE

YOUR HALF IS MADE UP OF SOMETHING THAT'S NOT ORIGINALLY YOURS
AND YOUR LIFE IS DEPENDANT ON THAT "SOMETHING" THAT'S NOT YOURS
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THIS "SOMETHING" WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIMILATE OR BECOME ONE WITH YOUR TRUE SELF.
THERE HAS BEEN A BATTLE WITHIN YOU FOR A LONG TIME AGAINST THAT "SOMETHING."
ONE COULD SAY THAT IT IS A MIRACLE YOU COULD STAY ALIVE FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS.
YOU ARE ONLY THAT "SOMETHING"
AND IT IS EATING YOUR LIFE WHILE KEEPING YOU ALIVE AT THE SAME TIME.


I'M SORRY, BUT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE, YOU
YOUR BATTLE AGAINST THAT "SOMETHING" WILL END SOON
MIRACLES DON'T LAST FOREVER
THE ONLY THING THEY FOUND OUT WAS HOW YOU'D END UP
IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY TRIED TO MERGE THAT "SOMETHING" WITH GENETIC ENGINEERING
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, YOU


WHOSE YOU TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
I WAS ONLY TRYING TO CUT MY ENEMY
THAT'S ALL.
WHY DO I HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS!?
IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH!!
WHY IS IT THAT I HAVE TO FEEL AFRAID EVERY SINGLE DAY...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!!
YOU'RE FORGING ME HAVE IT TOO MUCH!
THERE'S NO EXACT REASON IN YOUR BODY THAT IT'S TAKEN OVER. IT'S JUST THAT THE LEVEL
ALREADY EXPLAINED IT TO YOU MANY TIMES!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE

SOMEDAY, SOONER OR LATER, WE ALL DIE!
IN REALITY, IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S DIFFERENT!!
SOMEBODY HELP ME!!
HELP ME - !!
CALM DOWN!!

MAYBE GOOD LOOKS
THAT'S WHY...
SOMEDAY YOU WILL BE THANKFUL YOU DIDN'T DIE TODAY!!
PLEASE -!! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE SO YOU STILL HAVE TIME!
DOESN'T THAT MAKE US EQUAL!?

BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT IS
AH
IT'S HERE

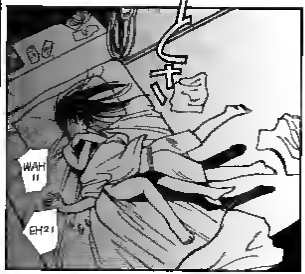
HHH
LONG HAIRED AND DARK MESSENGER
IT'S THE MESSENGER
THAT'S DANGEROUS
THAT'S BAD IT'S COMING CLOSER
TODAY'S THE END OF ALL
I SEE

AH
IKU-RU
I CAN WALK NOW
I'M AI

AI
AI
2
YEP. THAT'S THE NAME IKURU GAVE ME
IT ALWAYS HAPPENS WHENEVER I FALL ASLEEP THE MESSENGER COMES
I'LL BE FINE SOON
ARE YOU SCARED?
YE-AH
IS IT SCA-RY?
AH

OK THEN - !!
キュッ
!!

YOU WON'T BE SCARED NOW
IT'S OK
FROM NOW ON, AI WILL BE HERE FOR YOU
WH-AT!?


WAH !!
EH?!

AI WILL PROTECT IKURU

I HEARD THE ONE THING NOBODY'S EVER SAID TO ME
I WANT

GOOD NIGHT IKURU
I SAID LET ME GO!
IN AI'S WARM BOSOM

UUUNG
LET ME GO!
WAIT !!

YOU
TO
STAY
ALIVE

ANY DREAMS THAT NIGHT
DIDN'T HAVE
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
YEP!!
A LITTLE MORE?
ISN'T IT KINDA SHORT?
IT'S OK

THEY SAY THAT HUMANITY ONLY HAS 200 MORE YEARS LEFT UNTIL THE END OF IT
ギリ
ギン

HOW DO I LOOK?
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES I WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE DAWN

THANK YOU!
WOW VERY CUTE!
STILL THIS MORNING
THE WORLD SEEMED BEAUTIFUL!!
(END OF CHAPTER 01)

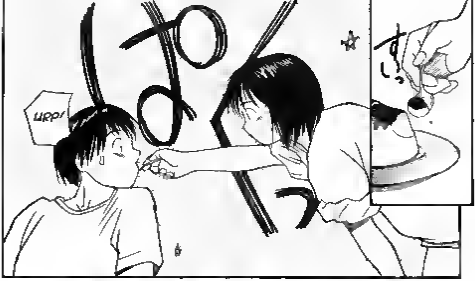
愛人
＃2 ごはんが、できたよ

DONE
ENOUGH WASTING MY TIME SLEEPING!
AFTER AI CAME TO MY HOUSE I STARTED GETTING UP EARLY EVERY MORNING
?
YOU HAVE TO GET UP
AI--!!
A PERSON WHO PASSES THE COMFORT OF THEIR BODY TO PEOPLE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH
PERSON AUTY SET WITH CHEMICALS. GENETICALLY ENGINEERED GENIUS
AI!
I KNOW IT IS VERY INHUMAN TO CALL THEM THIS WAY BUT

AH, IKURU~
YEP
OID YOU SLEEP WELL?
THE WEATHER SNICE TODAY TOO
YEAH~
YOU'RE SUCH A SLEEPY HEAD

EN-JOY
HUHUHU I PREPARED THIS MEAL SINCE LAST NIGHT
IT'S SO GOOD~!
IKURU'S AMAZING!
THAT'S RIGHT
I THINK SO TOO
I HAVEN'T SEEN IKURU EATING ANYTHING YET
BUT HOW COME IKURU DOESN'T EAT WITH ME?

I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING UNLESS I FEEL EXTREMELY WELL.
I EVEN LOST MY PALATE
IT'S THE SIDE EFFECT OF THE MEDICINES I TOOK WHEN I WAS YOUNGER
AH. IT'S BECAUSE I CAN ONLY EAT IN CERTAIN DAYS
BUT THE FOOD IKURU MAKES IS ALWAYS GOOD
I RECEIVED SPECIAL TRAINING
BECAUSE I WAS FRUS-- TRATED



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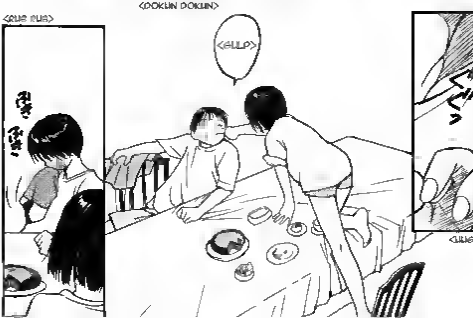
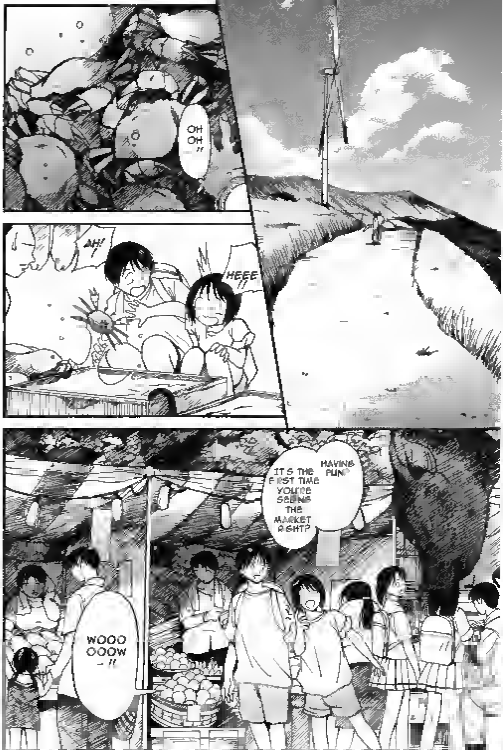


THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD
<HE>
LET'S COOK A LOT OF GOOD FOOD TODAY!!
AI!!
LET'S HAVE A WELCOME PARTY FOR AI THEN!
BANZAI!! BANZAI
WA-!!!
I CAN EAT TO-DAY!
IT'S A PARTY~!!
OK!


OH OH !!
AH!
HEEE !!
HAVING FUN?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE SEEING THE MARKET, RIGHT?
WOOO OOOW !!

THERE'S A BUNCH OF LIVING THINGS~
YOU HAVE TO WEAR PRETTY CLOTHES TOO YOU KNOW
THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S BUY YOU SOME CLOTHING TOO!
<OOH! OOH!>
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS..?
AH!!
PRETTY CLOTHES..?
CHOOSE SOMETHING YOU LIKE

AH OK
I WANT TO BUY THIS ONE
OK?
IKURU I LIKE THIS ONE!!
IT'S NOTHING
AH! NO!
WHAT'S THAT?
EH?
IKURU WEAR SOMETHING COOL TOO
GUESS THAT'S HER STYLE
WAA~ IKURU THANK YOU!

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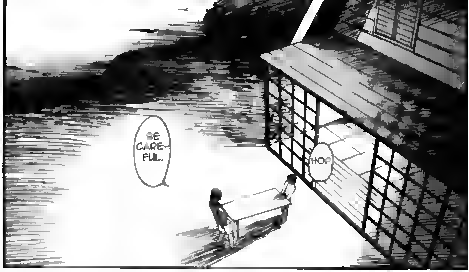
SIGH
IN HIS
OWN WORLD
ISN'T IT KINDA FLASHY?
IT'S COOL!! IT'S COOL!!
YOU THINK SO?



ITADAKIMASU.

NO
DAMN IT...
EH?
CHEW
I'M SORRY
I CAN'T EAT
I'M REALLY SORRY
I THOUGHT I COULD EAT A WHILE AGO
I COOKED TOO MUCH WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU DON'T NEED TO EAT IT ALL.
KEEP EATING
I'LL GO TAKE A BATH

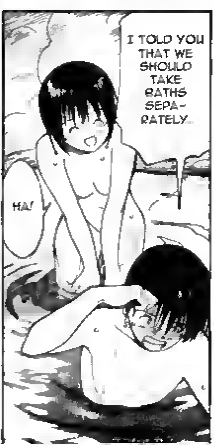
<SPLASH>
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS
I THOUGHT TODAY WOULD BE OK AT LEAST
DAMN IT!!

WHO THE HELL HAD THE RIGHT..
TO SAVE ME ANYWAYS
THIS LIFE
IF IT WOULD ONLY END SOON...
PU!

IKURU!
AAAAAT...!!

<SPLASH>
IKURU, IKURU!

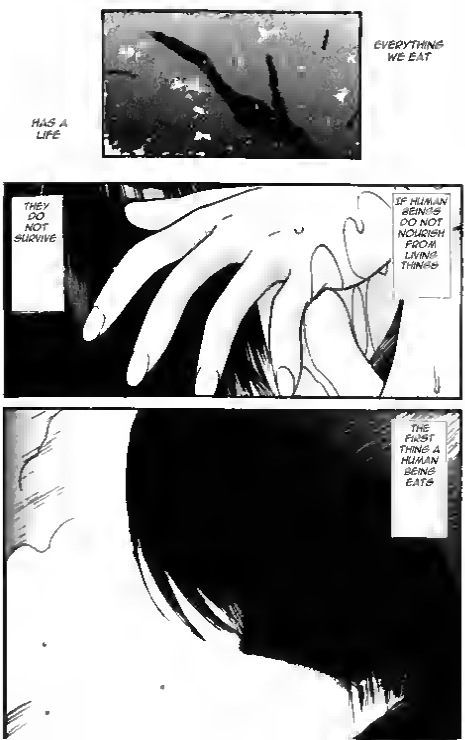
SINCE IKURU FEEDS ME A LOT OF GOOD FOOD
WHAT IS IT
TODAY AI-


I TOLD YOU THAT WE SHOULD TAKE BATHS SEPARATELY...
HA!

WILL FEED YOU
HERE

HERE!
WH.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO!?
UGH
DON'T WORRY
AI'S NOT EMBARRASSED
BECAUSE IKURU IS SWEET
HERE

IT WAS VERY SOFT AND WARM
EVEN THOUGH AI'S BREAST WAS SMALL...
SUDDENLY
I REALIZED SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN VERY OBVIOUS


EVERYTHING WE EAT
HAS A LIFE
THEY DO NOT SURVIVE
IF HUMAN BEINGS DO NOT NOURISH FROM LIVING THINGS
THE FIRST THING A HUMAN BEING EATS

IS HUMAN LIFE

AH...
THIS IS
THIS IS GOOD
THE TASTE OF A HUMAN BEING !!
WAS IT GOOD?
<SPLASH>

AAH
IT WAS TICKLISH
HAHA
SORRY
YOU'RE BAD
HA HA HA
I'M HUNGRY NOW!

THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT I COULD LIVE THE LIFE I WAS DEPRIVED OF

[#2 끝]

#3 AGH-RMS AI

AI!
STOP PLAYING AROUND AND HELP OUT TOO.
KYA!
IKURU!

HM?
SOMEBODY'S COMING
SENSEI!
THAT'S RIGHT! TODAY'S THE DAY SHE WAS COMING.
SENSEI!
NAGI SENSEI!

HELLO, IKURU -KUN.
COMING TO YOUR HOUSE IS TIRING. AT LEAST THAT HASN'T CHANGED.
YOU SHOULD'VE COME FROM THIS SIDE IT'S DANGEROUS FROM THERE BECAUSE IT COLLAPSED
BUT THE ENTRANCE IS THIS WAY
THERE'S REALLY NO STOPPING YOU, SENSEI, IS THERE?

POP
HOLD ON. I'LL GO DOWN THERE.
OF

NAGI HARUKA SENSEI ...
OH, IKURU -KUN!
IS THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS WORLD WHO'S KIND WITH ME
SENSEI
LOOKS LIKE YOU GREW A BIT TALLER.
I LEARN -ED MANY THINGS FROM HER.
NOT REALLY... AND IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER
I ALSO LEARNED THE DIFFERENT FEELINGS PEOPLE HAVE FROM HER. TO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO WEEP FOR ME.
IS ONE OF THE THINGS I LEARNED FROM NAGI SENSEI
I'M GLAD YOU SEEM HEALTHY

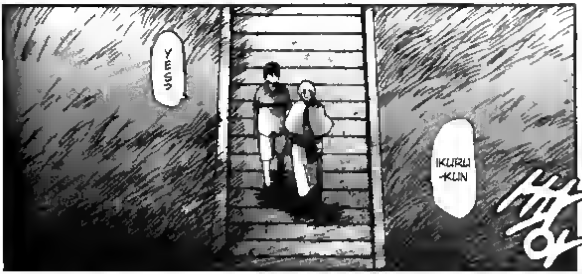
SENSEI ALSO LOOKS HEALTHY
OF COURSE I'M BUSY LATELY WITH THE CLINIC'S WORK
HERE
YOUR MEDICINE FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS
THE PEOPLE FROM THE HOSPITAL ARE GETTING UPSET
THEY WANT YOU TO GO GET A CHECK-UP SOON
YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS WHAT IF THEY
TAKE AWAY THIS KIND OF LIFE FROM YOU?
AH, I KNOW
THAT GIRL
YES?!
SHE'S AN AGH -RMS, RIGHT?

FORGIVE ME
HE TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO REQUEST -ED THE ACQUISITION OF HOPE
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM MIYAZAKI-SAN OF SOCIAL WELFARE.
I WANTED TO LIVE BY MYSELF
IF I DON'T LIVE INDEPENDANTLY AT THE VERY END
IT IS GOING TO BE THE SAME AS NOT HAVING LIVED AT ALL.
I REJECTED SENSEI'S INVITATION TO THE CLINIC
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO ME.
WHEN I LEFT THE INSTITUTION WHER I GREW UP

I ENDED UP CHOOSING THIS PATH
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW I'D HURT SENSEI
I CHOSE TO LIVE BY MYSELF
IKURU'S "AI-REN"
THAT GIRL... I WONDER WHAT THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR CREATING HER KIND WAS.
DOES SHE HAVE HAVE A NAME?
IT'S AI.
AI ...

MAYBE THEY WERE ORIGINALLY SUICIDE BOMBERS CREATED BY TERRORISTS OR THEY WERE PART OF OUTLAW GANGS
PERHAPS THEY WERE CREATED FOR PROSITUTION
EITHER WAY, THEY PROBABLY COULDN'T LIVE FOR VERY LONG
SENSEI
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY PEOPLE DECIDED TO CREATE NEW PERSONALITIES AND FUNCTIONS FOR THEM SUCH AS BEING ABLE TO LOVE SOMEONE EASILY
AGH-RMS CARTIFICIAL GENES HUMAN REGENERATED FOR MENTAL SUPPORT HUMANOIDS CREATED FOR PROMOTING MENTAL STABILITY
HOWEVER, THEY'RE ONLY FANTASIES

THIS IS NOT RIGHT, IKURU -KUN.
SNAP OUT OF IT...
THAT'S CHEATING
TRYING TO AMELIORATE YOUR LONELINESS WITH FANTASY


YES
IKURU -KUN

I'M THE ONE WHO TAKES CARE OF HER AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND
IS THAT SO? I THINK IT'S VERY STRANGE, THOUGH

I MAY HAVE SAID WHAT I DID A WHILE AGO, BUT ...
YOU LOOK A LOT MORE ENERGETIC THAN THE LAST TIME I CAME TO SEE YOU
IT'S A GOOD SIGN

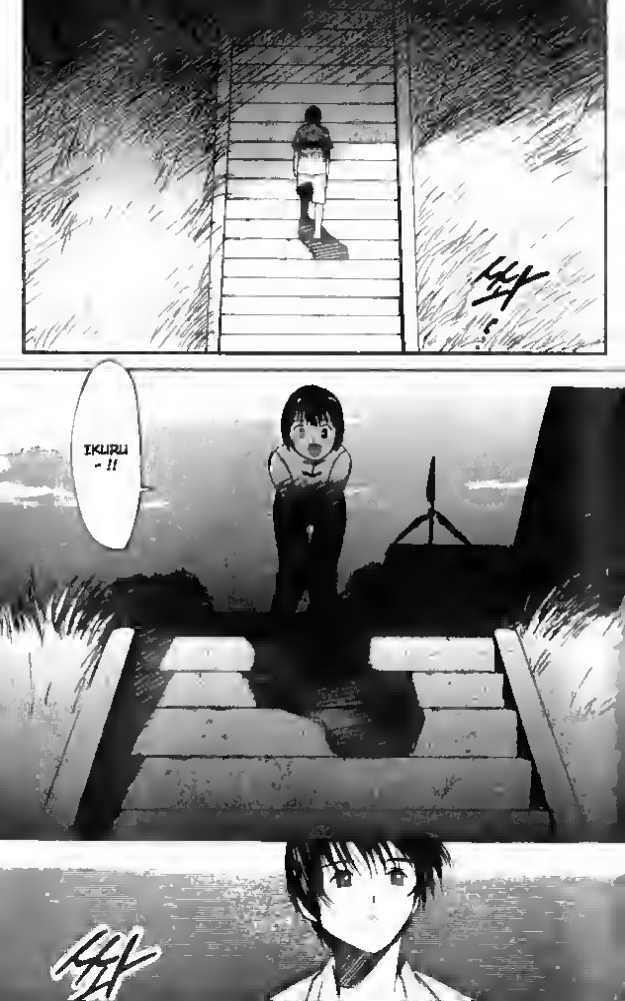
IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL EXACTLY WHAT SHE WAS CREATED FOR
THE ONLY THINGS SHE DOES ARE SLEEPING UNTIL LATE AND EATING

SHE ANSWERS BACK SMILING BRIGHTLY
BUT WHENEVER I SMILE AND CALL HER NAME

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT THIS WAY.
WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT AI
I FEEL HAPPY, EMBARRASSED
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH ALL THE WARMTH I FEEL INSIDE.
IKURU -KUN!!

SENSEI
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT YOU JUST SAID?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW ...!
THAT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN!!
IT'S WRONG!!
SENSEI! WATCH OUT!
AH!

SENSEI
LISTEN CAREFULLY
JUST THINK OF HER AS A MERE DOLL
DO NOT LET YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER DEVELOP ANY MORE
BECAUSE THAT GIRL WILL SURELY
DIE BEFORE YOU DO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IKUIRU
- !!
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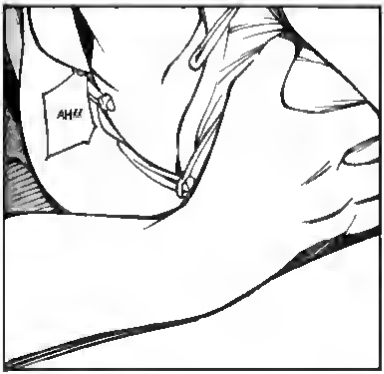
"THAT GIRL'S LIFE SPAN IS PROBABLY ONLY TEN MONTHS."
IT'D HAVE BEEN NICE IF WE HAD DINNER TOGETHER

AI-RENS' WERE CREATED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TO DIE SOON SO THEY DON'T LIVE FOR LONG
WHERE'S THAT LADY?
SHE LEFT
THAT'S A LIE
WHY

TODAY WE'RE HAVING OKONO MIYAKI, RIGHT?
THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO EAT IT WHILE WE'RE EATING
"IKURU-KUN YOU'LL LEAVE THIS WORLD WITH A SADNESS SO DEEP THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT BACK."

"GIVE HER BACK TO THE LABORATORY."

IT'S TOO LATE NOW.


AH!!

EW?!
WHAT'S WRONG? IKURU?!

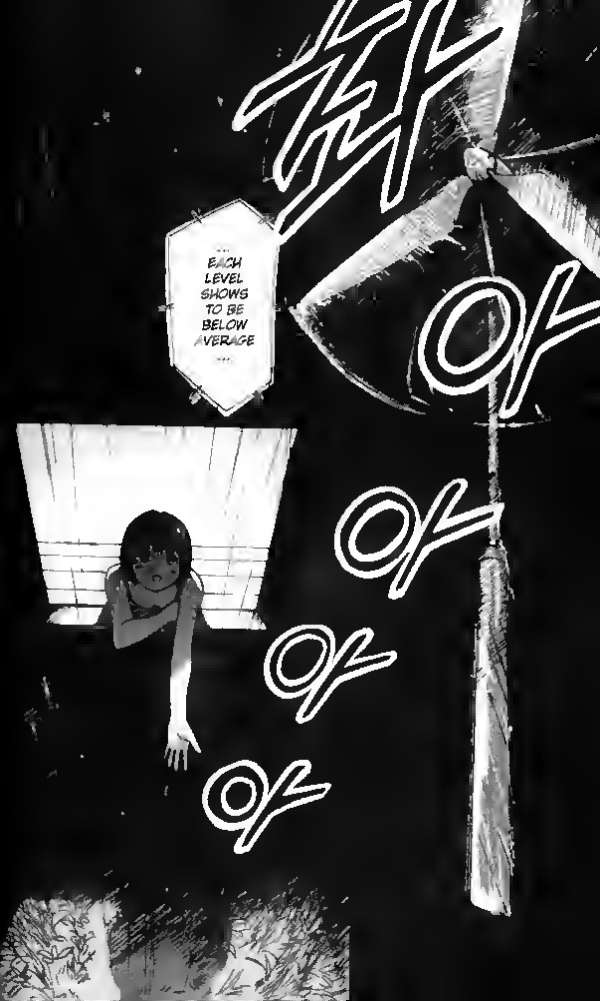
IT HURTS!!
IT HURTS!!
AI
PLEASE STAY ALIVE
I HAVEN'T REALIZED IT UNTIL NOW ....
AI ... DON'T ... DIE.
THAT PEOPLE OTHER THAN ME MAY ALSO DIE
STAY ALIVE ...

A...
DON'T DIE...
IKUIRU
I GOT IT
I PROMISE...

[#3 끝]

愛人 [AI REN]

#4 Living With Ghosts


...
EACH LEVEL SHOWS TO BE BELOW AVERAGE
...

THERE ARE CHANCES THAT THE WIND IN THE EARLY MORNING WILL BECOME STRONG.
EVEN THOUGH THERE WON'T BE MAJOR DAMAGES DUE TO THE RAIN
A LITTLE BIT MORE
AI CLOSE THE WINDOW NOW.
NOW WE'RE BACK TO THE SITUATION OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE
쿠궁
쿠궁
YEP.
IS THE RAIN THAT INTERESTING?

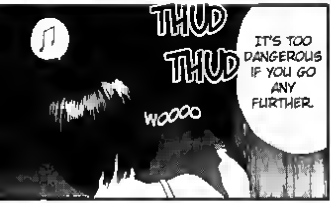
THUD
THUD
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
WOOOO
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
IKURU, IT FEELS LIKE SOMEONE IS INSIDE THE HOUSE
YEAH...
SOMEONE'S CRYING.
WOOOOOO
YEAH...
WOOOOO

THEY ...?
ESPECIALLY ON RAINY NIGHTS.
IN THIS HOUSE.
HUHU ... THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY APPEAR
THE GHOSTS !!

The

THIS IS NOT GOOD.
LET'S CHECK OUT REPORTER WHO'S ABROAD
NOT YET...?
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
IKURU, WHAT'S A GHOST?
TELL ME
THIS IS REALLY OLD.
MOH
MOH
WHAT I MEANT IS THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD ALREADY, BUT THEY CAN'T LEAVE
HE- THAT'S AMAZ-ING
NIRVANA?!
SPIRITS?
HMM, THEY'RE THE SPIRITS OF DEAD PEOPLE WHO CANNOT ACHIEVE NIRVANA, SO THEY HAVE TO STAY HERE AND ROAM AROUND OUR WORLD

WOOOOOO
THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO LEFT HERE AFTER THEY GOT BETTER, BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY WHO ENDED UP DYING
THIS PLACE WAS ORIGINALLY A HOSPITAL.
SO THE SPIRITS OF THE PEOPLE ARE STILL HERE, ROAMING AROUND


THUD
THUD
WOOOO
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS IF YOU GO ANY FURTHER.

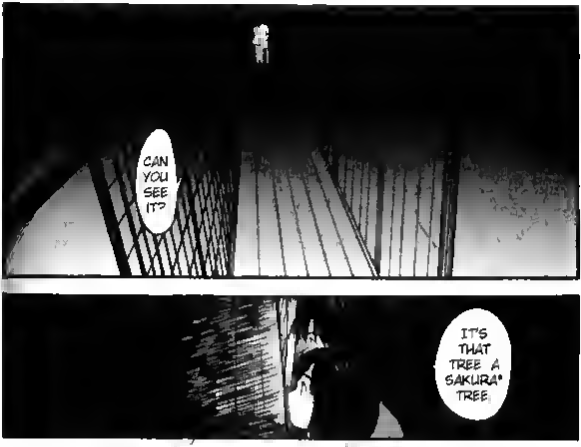
WHOOOOOSH!
ARE THERE GHOSTS ?
DON'T GO THERE

WOOOOO
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK-
HUH?
IS THIS FROM OUTSIDE [illegible] ?
AI, DON'T

AI !!
WHOOO SH!
WAIT !!
EH?
KYAA !
AI!!

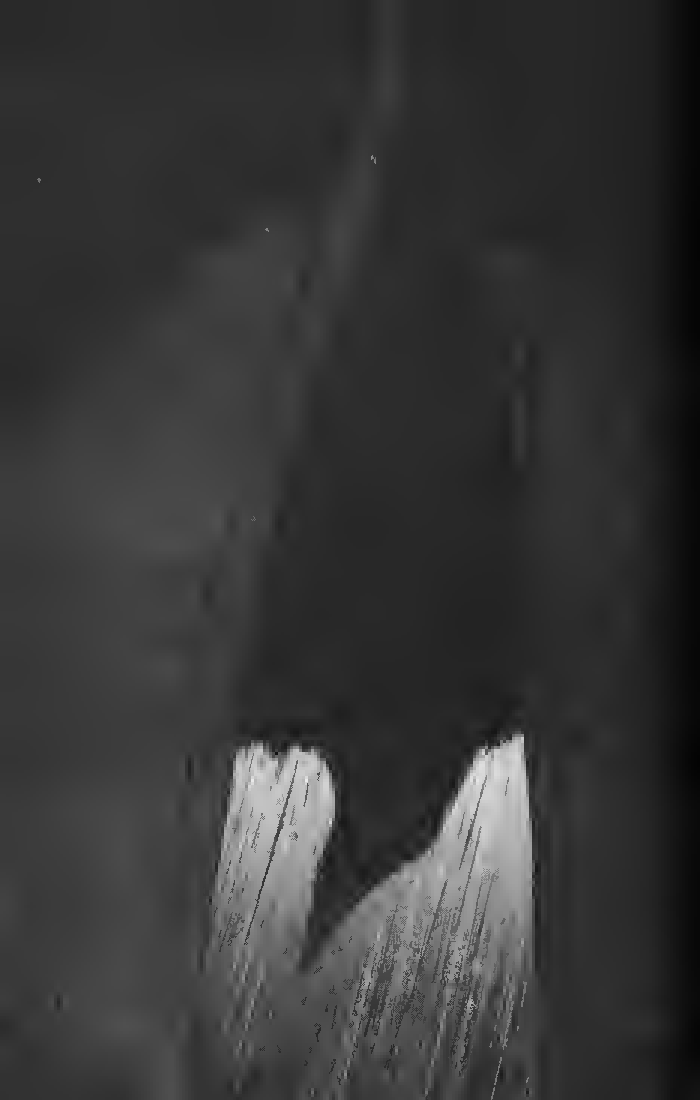
IKURU ~ ~
ARE YOU OK?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO THERE.
IT'S TOO DAN -GER -OUS.
H ~mmm
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
BUT NOBODY'S HERE ANYMORE
THIS PLACE'S NAME IS THE "SAKURA HOUSE." IT'S THE NAME OF THE FOUNDER OF THIS HOSPITAL
IT WAS ORIGINALLY A FAMILY HOSPITAL
THAT'S RIGHT!
THERE'S A LOCAL ATTRACTION IN THE INNERMOST PART OF THIS PLACE

*NOTE: SAKURA = CHERRY BLOSSOM



THEY SAY THAT THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD WAITED FOR SOME-ONE IN THAT PLACE.
SHE PROMISED IT TO HER LOVER "WAIT FOR ME UNDER THE FULL BLOSSOMED SAKURA TREE."

"LET'S GO TO THE BEACH SINCE IT IS SPRING," IS WHAT THEY PROMISED
"I PROMISE I'LL COME FOR YOU."
THE TRUTH WAS THAT HER LOVED ONE WAS NOT A PERSON FROM THIS WORLD ANYMORE
BUT HER LOVED ONE DID NOT APPEAR.
LIGHTNING STRUCK,
SPLITTING BOTH THE GIRL AND THE TREE IN HALF, WHO BOTH FACED AN END IN FLAMES
"NO! I WON'T LET THE FLOWERS FALL! I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM THEN!"
AND THEN SUDDENLY
BUT SHE KEPT WAITING...
AND IT SOON STARTED TO POUR...



WHO KNOWS? MAYBE.
SO HE CAME FOR HER?
THAT'S A RELIEF ...
IT'S NOT HERE ...
AI
WAH!!
SFX: <WOOOO>
SFX: <SLAM!>
AH! LOOKS LIKE HE'S THERE!
AI
NO
I HAVEN'T ...
I WANT TO MEET THE GHOST!
HAS IKURU SEEN ONE?
LET'S LOOK FOR ONE, THEN!!

MR. GHOST -
HOWEVER, CHINA AND AFRICA SHOWED GREAT OPPOSITION IN THE MEETING THREATENING TO SHAKE UP INTERNATIONAL TRADE
THE UN HAS DECIDED TO DISPATCH AN EU TROOP OF AROUND 30 THOU[illegible] WORLD-WIDE VOLUNTEERS
"... THE CASUALTIES IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE ARE INCREASING IN NUMBERS ..."
KIRITSA OF "HITO" HAS RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL WHILE HE WAS IN FUEGO ISLAND AND
STRONGLY DECLARED THAT, "THIS IS THE TIME TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES. HUMANITY DOES NOT NEED ANY HOSTILITY AT THIS POINT..."

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING MEANINGLESS DE-THS.
AT THIS VERY MOMENT, ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE EARTH
THE DIM SOUND OF THE NEWS IS SPREADING AROUND THE ENTIRE HOUSE.

THIS IS OUR REA-LI-TY
THIS IS OUR WOR-LD
BUT IT IS FUNNY HOW IT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY SO QUICKLY
LIFE IS SOMETHING THAT NO ONE IN THIS WORLD CAN TRADE FOR ANYTHING
I AM FED UP OF LISTE-NING TO THE NEWS

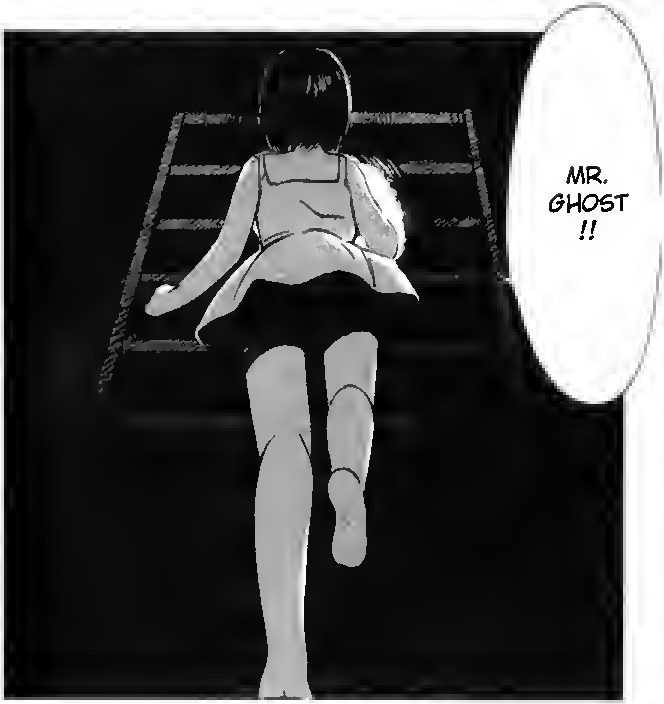
I WILL BE DISAPPEARING SOON AS WELL
SOON, I TOO WILL HAVE TO FACE THAT REALITY

AND AI TOO—

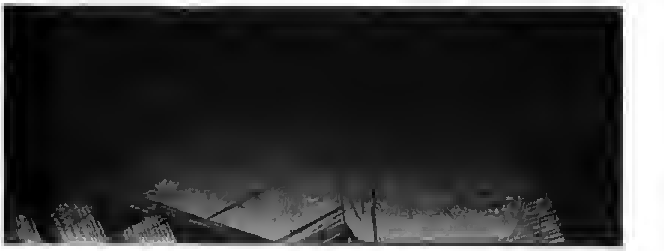
보서비스
AGH-RMS

IS PROB-ABLY EVEN LESS THAN TEN MON-THS."

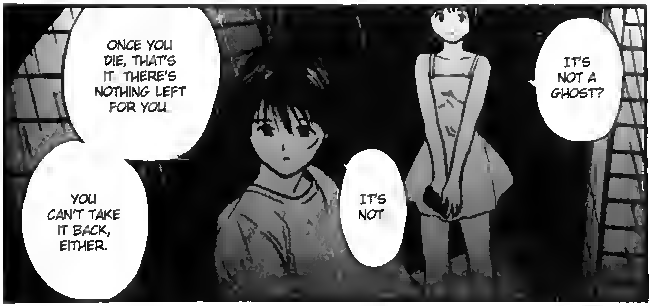
"THE TIME LEFT IN HER LIFE—



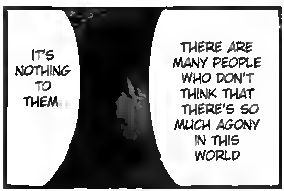
WILL END UP DISAPPEARING..

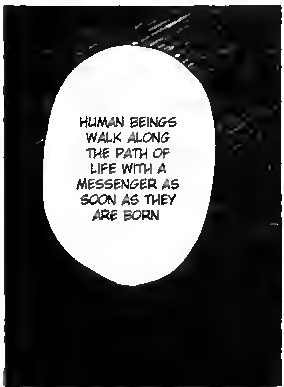


SQUEEK
SQUEEK
THE SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS ARE COMING FROM THE OLD WOOD USED TO BUILD THIS BUILDING AND
THE CRYING SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM THE WIND HITTING THE TREES AND THIS BUILDING
AI, I'M SORRY
EVERYTHING I SAID WAS ALL MADE UP.
IT'S NOT HERE ....
YEAH


ONCE YOU DIE, THAT'S IT. THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU.
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT BACK, EITHER.
IT'S NOT
IT'S NOT A GHOST?

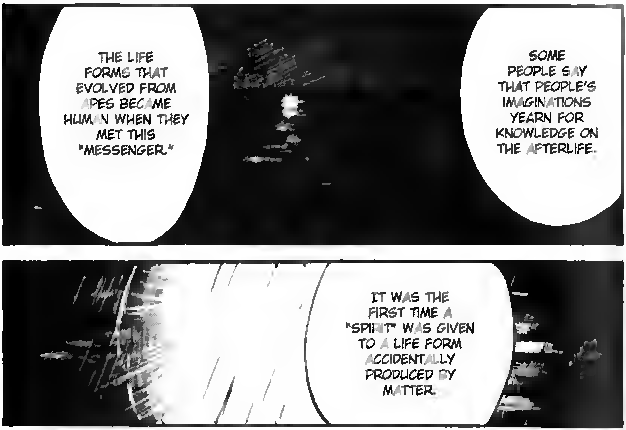
AH SOME -THING'S SHINING


IT'S NOTHING TO THEM...
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S SO MUCH AGONY IN THIS WORLD


HUMAN BEINGS WALK ALONG THE PATH OF LIFE WITH A MESSENGER AS SOON AS THEY ARE BORN

AH IT'S HORRIBLE THERE'S A DEAD PERSON HERE...
THIS PLACE IS HELL !!

I THINK THERE USED TO BE SOME LAND AROUND THAT AREA TOO
THERE'S ONLY A FALLEN OLD LIGHTHOUSE OVER THERE
IT'S ONLY THE LIGHTNING GETTING REFLECTED BY ITS LENSES


THE LIFE FORMS THAT EVOLVED FROM IDEAS BECAME HUMAN WHEN THEY MET THIS "MESSENGER."
SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT PEOPLE'S IMAGINATIONS YEARN FOR KNOWLEDGE ON THE AFTERLIFE.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A "SPIRIT" WAS GIVEN TO A LIFE FORM ACCIDENTALLY PRODUCED BY MATTER.

PEOPLE TEND TO THINK ABOUT THEIR DEATHS AFTER SEEING ANOTHER PERSON'S DEATH
ACKNOWLEDGING THAT NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO DEATH IS INEVITABLE

FEAR
AND
SADNESS
...
REPENTANCE
...
LOVE
...

MINE AND AI'S
THOSE ARE OUR REALITIES
IN REALITY, WHEN ONE DIES, ONE DISAPPEARS ....
THEY ALL COME FROM OUR IMAGINATIONS.
THESE ARE THE TRUE FORMS OF A GHOST.
IKURU
IT'S OK.
YEAH .... MOST LIKELY ....
THEN IKURU WILL DISAPPEAR TOO?
IKURU'S NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR
SO DON'T WORRY !!
SFX <HUG>

YOU HAVE AI. AI WILL THINK ABOUT YOU.
SO IKURU WILL SURELY BECOME A GHOST.

Ai
THEN Ai WON'T DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD EITHER.
BECAUSE I WILL THINK ABOUT YOU!
EVEN IF I WILL BECOME A GHOST BEFORE YOU DO
I WILL

I WILL NOT ALLOW AI TO DISAPPEAR.
THEN AI AND IKURU TOO
WILL BECOME GHOSTS, RIGHT?

THUD
WAHA HAHA HAHA !!
HAHAHA, I'M A GHOST !!
KYAAAA - !!

HI !
KYA -
KYA -
WAIT
KYAA - !!

SFX: <WOOOOOOOOO>
NIGHT
GOOD NIGHT, AI
AS SOON AS WE GET NEW UPDATES
HEY, IKURU
RIGHT NOW ... THIS IS NOT THE SOUND OF A GHOST CRYING, IS IT?
SFX: <WOOOO>

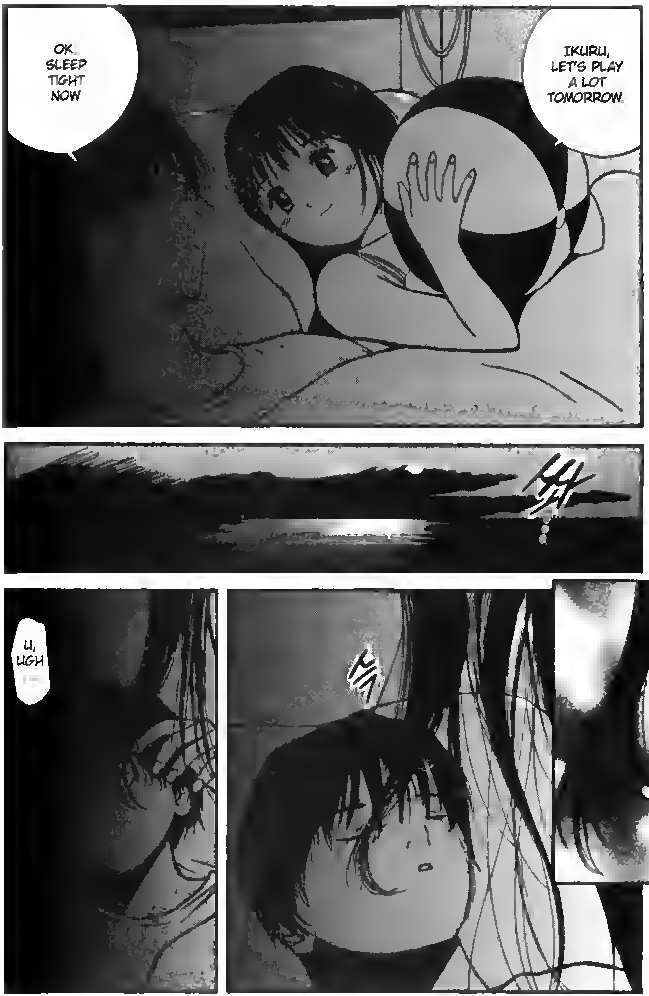
YEAH ....
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE'S LAUGH -ING, RIGHT?
LIKE MUSIC.
HE'S LAUGH -ING.
NIGHT
AI
PROMISE ME WE'LL BOTH BECOME GHOSTS

#5 A PICNIC OF 1 MILLION YEARS

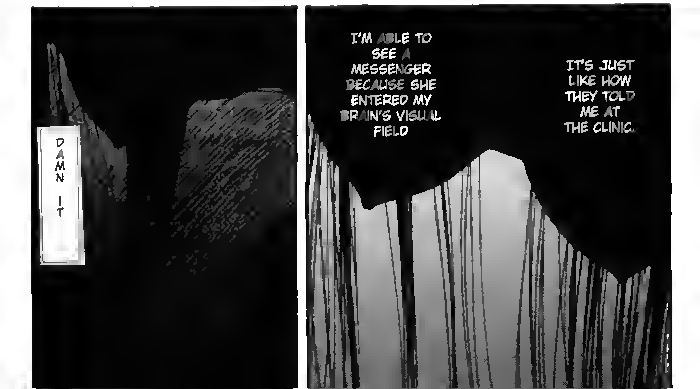
HA!!
HA!!
PUHA!
AI

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH NOW?
YOU GOTTA EAT
YEAH
WITH THIS, I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTROL MY BREATH NOW.
DOES IKURU KNOW HOW TO SWIM?
I LEARNED IT WHILE GETTING YELLED AT BY NAGI-SENSEI.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME AI'S SWIMMING RIGHT?
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S ALWAYS AI'S FIRST TIME.
IT'S GONNA BE YOUR FIRST TIME SWIM-MING OUTDOORS SINCE YOU WERE BORN, EH?
YEP.
AND I ALWAYS HAVE FUN ~

LA LA LA♫
WE'RE NOT GOING THERE YET
THE BEACH THE BEACH
FUU
FUU
STILL SOME MORE TIME BEFORE GOING THERE
IKURU, GOOD NIGHT
CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES


OK. SLEEP TIGHT NOW
IKURU, LET'S PLAY A LOT TOMORROW.
UH
U, UGH
HA

THE MESSENGER
I CAN CLEARLY SEE THE MESSENGER'S SILHOUETTE.
EVER SINCE TWO DAYS AGO, EVEN WITH MY EYES OPENED, SOMETIMES ...


DAMN IT
I'M ABLE TO SEE A MESSENGER BECAUSE SHE ENTERED MY BRAIN'S VISUAL FIELD
IT'S JUST LIKE HOW THEY TOLD ME AT THE CLINIC.

THAT "OTHER THING"
...
?
HEY, MESSE -ENGER
...
AREN'T YOU...
NO!!
I CAN EVEN SMELL YOU
...
THE "OTHER THING"
...
DID YOU COME TO PUT AN END TO THIS?

삶이
BECAUSE TOMORROW I'LL GO TO THE BEACH WITH AI
NOT YET.
I CAN'T DIE YET

WAAAH!
AI, YOU GOTTA WARM UP FIRST!
YAH!!

SFX: <SPLASH>

AI !!

HUAAH!

IT'S COLD ~
AI, COME THIS WAY
PUHA
PUHA
THIS WAY
SFX: <SPLASH>

GOT IT !!
SFX: <THUMP THUMP>
SPLASH
SFX. <SPLASH SPLASH>

SFX <SPLASH SPLASH>
AI, YOU CAN DO IT!

I CAN SWIM ~
YOU DID IT -!
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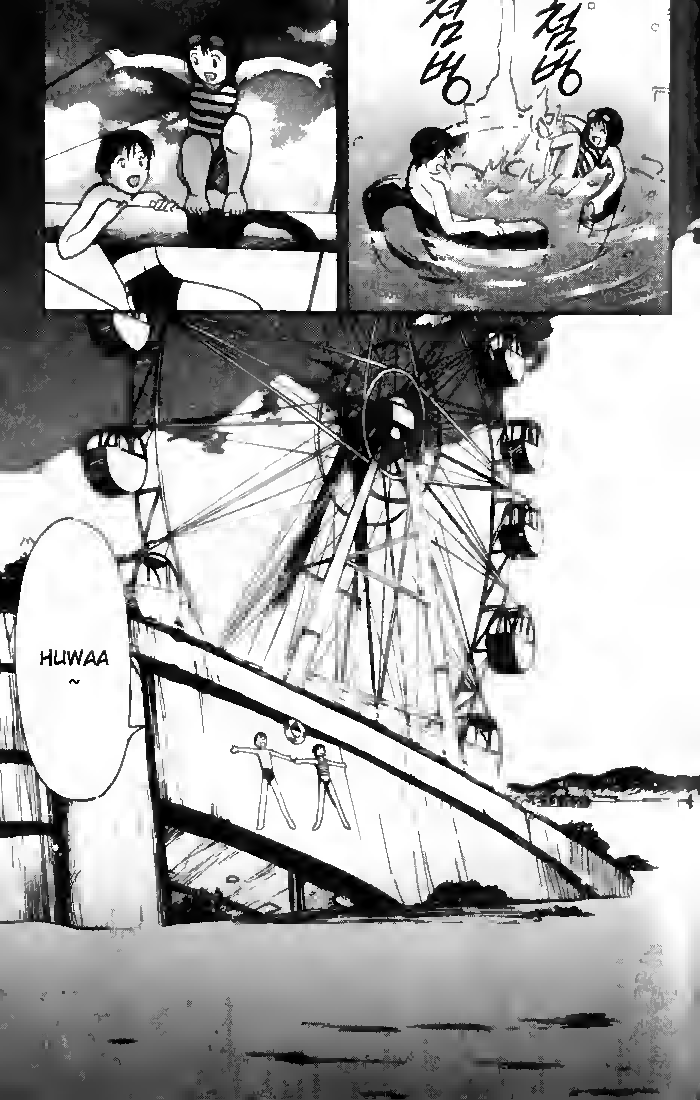
HUWAA
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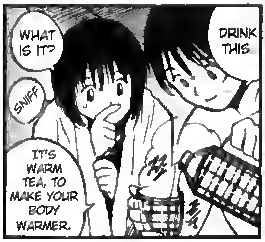
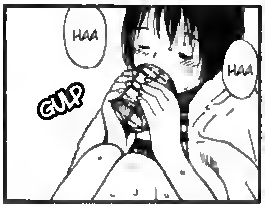

WHAT IS IT?
DRINK THIS.
SNIFF
IT'S WARM TEA, TO MAKE YOUR BODY WARMER.


HAA
HAA
GULP

LET'S REST A BIT.
BUT I CAN STILL SWIM.
NO, OR YOUR LIPS ARE GOING TO TURN BLUE.

GUU ~

a lunch box made by both
ITADAKIMASU!
by Ikuru
by Ai
I CAN EAT TODAY
REALLY ?
IT'S OK TO EAT WITH YOUR HANDS SINCE WE'RE AT THE BEACH
OK ♫
HMMMM?
THE ONES IKURU MADE ARE SO GOOD ~
WHAT NAGI -SENSEI TOLD ME WAS TRUE

THEY WERE PROG -RAMMED FROM THE BEGIN -NING TO LEAVE NO MORE THAN THIS
ASH -RMS' LIFESPAN RANGES FROM 6 TO 10 MONTHS

AI-REN ...
DANGEROUS BEINGS REPROGRAMMED FOR APPEASING PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE VERGE OF DEATH

AH

MAY I?
EH?
LAST ONE

AI ...

YOU CAN HAVE IT
hehe
AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, I WANT TO GIVE HER ALL THE FUN I'M ABLE TO.
LET'S EAT
HALF AND HALF.

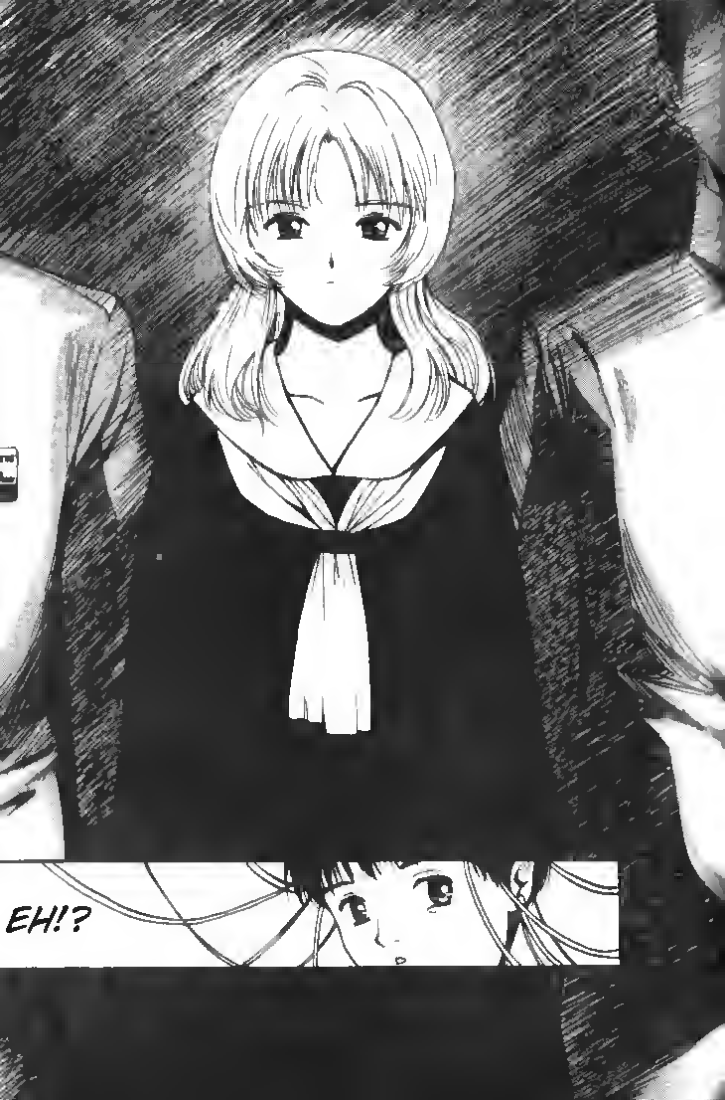
SEX
IKURU ?!
UWA
HAHAHA !!
HAHAHA !!

SFX <GULP>
HM
HM
HM

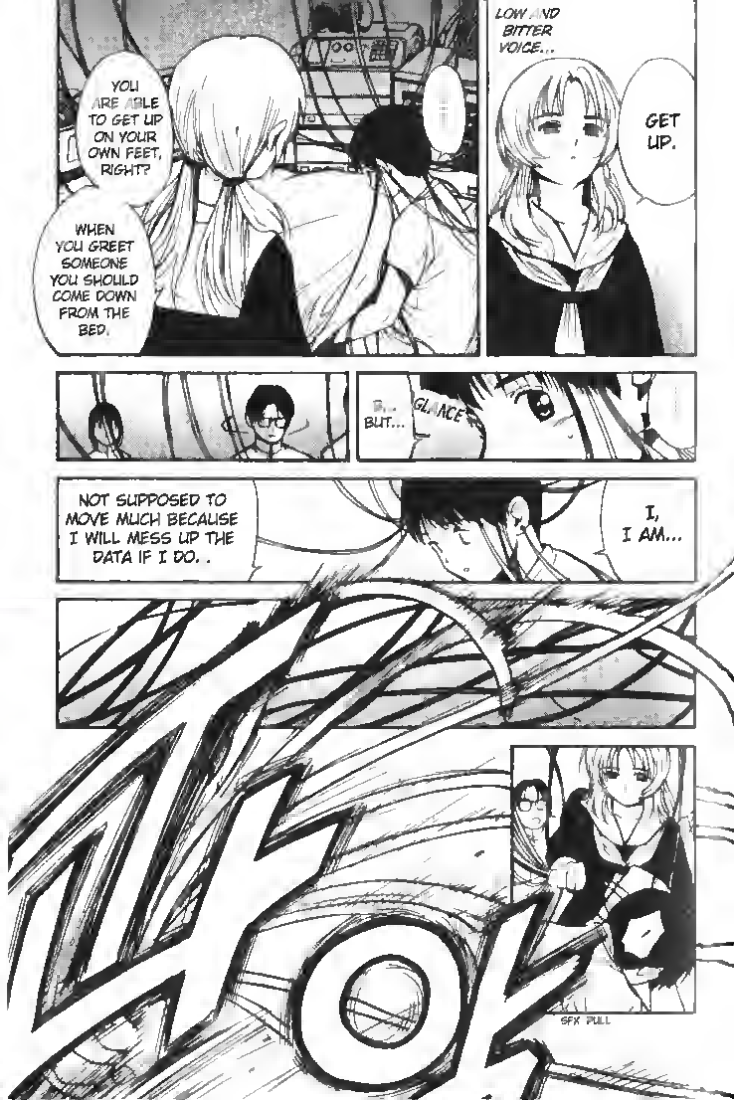
[#5 끝]

#6 THE TEACHER AND I

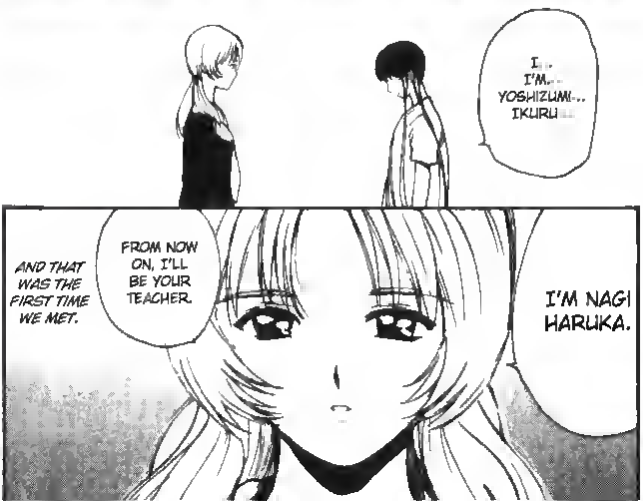
I COULDN'T CALM MYSELF DOWN THAT ENTIRE DAY.
I HEARD AN ODD PATTERN OF FOOT-STEPS COMING CLOSER.
KNOCK
KNOCK
CLICK
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD MET SOME-ONE WHO WASN'T FROM THE CLINIC.

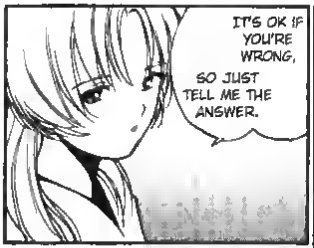

EH!?

IT SEEMS AS IF SHE WAS HAND-MADE BECAUSE OF HER CLEAN FACE
WHO IS THIS PERSON? WHITE HAIR, FAIR SKIN
NO! THIS IS NOT A HUMAN BEING! IT'S SOME OTHER LIFE FORM!
I AM GOING TO TEACH YOU FROM NOW ON
I FEEL MAD NOW
HAA


LOW AND BITTER VOICE...
GET UP.
YOU ARE ABLE TO GET UP ON YOUR OWN FEET, RIGHT?
WHEN YOU GREET SOMEONE YOU SHOULD COME DOWN FROM THE BED.
B... BUT...
GLANCE
I, I AM...
NOT SUPPOSED TO MOVE MUCH BECAUSE I WILL MESS UP THE DATA IF I DO. .
HOK
SFX PULL

NOW,
AND TELL ME YOUR NAME.
STAND UP,
OK
WAH!
YES
HA...
HA...


I... I'M... YOSHIZUMI... IKURU...
I'M NAGI HARUKA.
FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE YOUR TEACHER.
AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE MET.



SENSEI WAS A "SIXES"

SIXES

*WORD DERIVED FROM A LATE 20TH CENTURY NOVEL

MEMBERS OF A SUPER ELITE THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. PEOPLE WHO SURPASS ALL OTHER FORMER SUPERIOR BEINGS IN INTELLIGENCE, ATHLETICISM, SURVIVAL POWER AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH. THEY ALSO POSSESS FLAWLESS PHYSICAL FEATURES.

HUMAN BEINGS IN THEIR ULTIMATE PERFECTED FORM

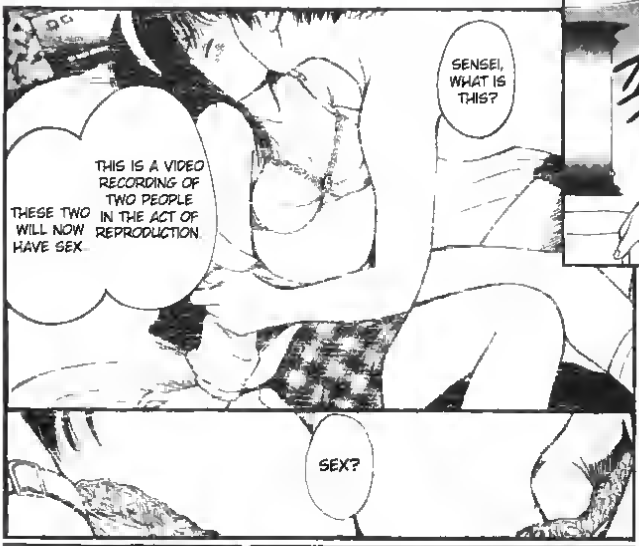
HOWEVER, TO ME, SHE WAS JUST A FRIGHTENING PERSON

HE'S OUR PRECIOUS
NAGI-SENSEI, ENOUGH OF THIS!
HELP ME!
HELP ME!
HE'S GOING TO DROWN!!
SFX SPLASH SPLASH
SADIST! COLD-BLOODED! MONSTER!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, THEN SWIM!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
THIS IS TOO MUCH!
I'M GONNA HAVE TO TELL HIM!
SECU-RITY!
SAY SOME-THING
SFX SPLASH SPLASH
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HATED SOMEONE
SFX COUGH COUGH

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
PUHA!
YOSHI-ZUMI-KUN!!
SAVE HIM!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN OUR CLINIC!?
I CAN'T DO THIS
I'M IN PAIN
A LITTLE MORE...
IT HURTS
HA
USE YOUR HANDS AND LEGS!
SWIM!
KURU-KUN!
SFX: PUSH

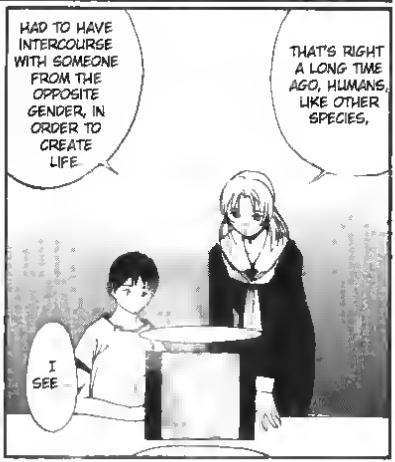
HAA
HAA
HAA
YOU DID IT!
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SMILED AT ANOTHER PERSON.
I DID IT
I DID IT
I DID IT
I DID IT
I THINK IT WAS SINCE THEN, SENSEI...

SENSEI
ACTUALLY,
I'VE
ALWAYS...
SEN-
SEI


SENSEI, WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS A VIDEO RECORDING OF TWO PEOPLE IN THE ACT OF REPRODUCTION.
THESE TWO WILL NOW HAVE SEX.
SFX PUSH
SEX?

REALLY?

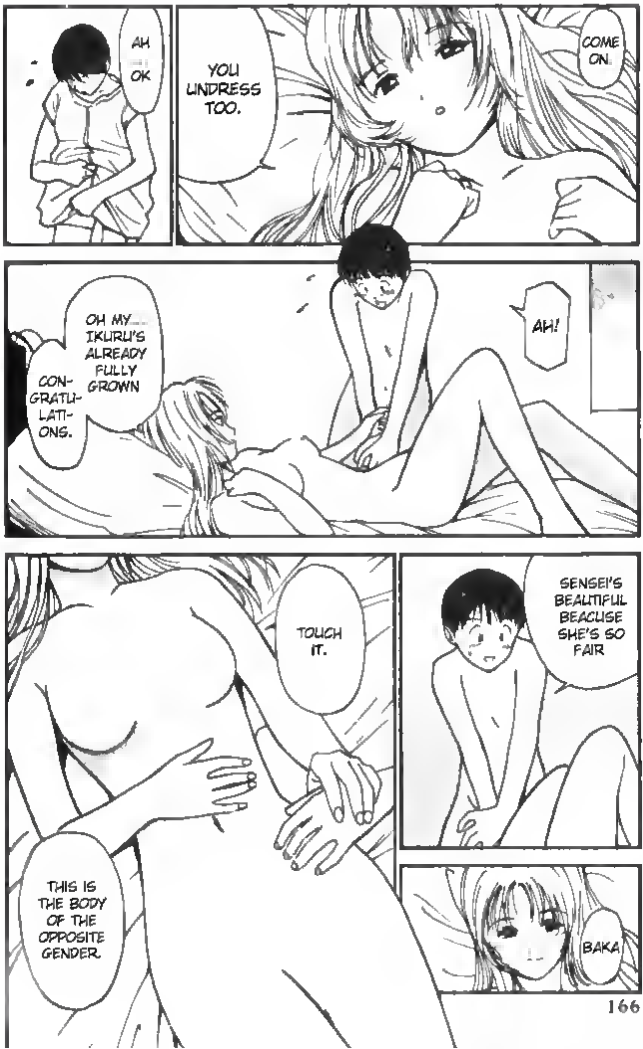
THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN TODAY, A FRACTION OF HUMANS STILL ENJOY THIS HUMANLY PRACTICE.
Ah
Ahh

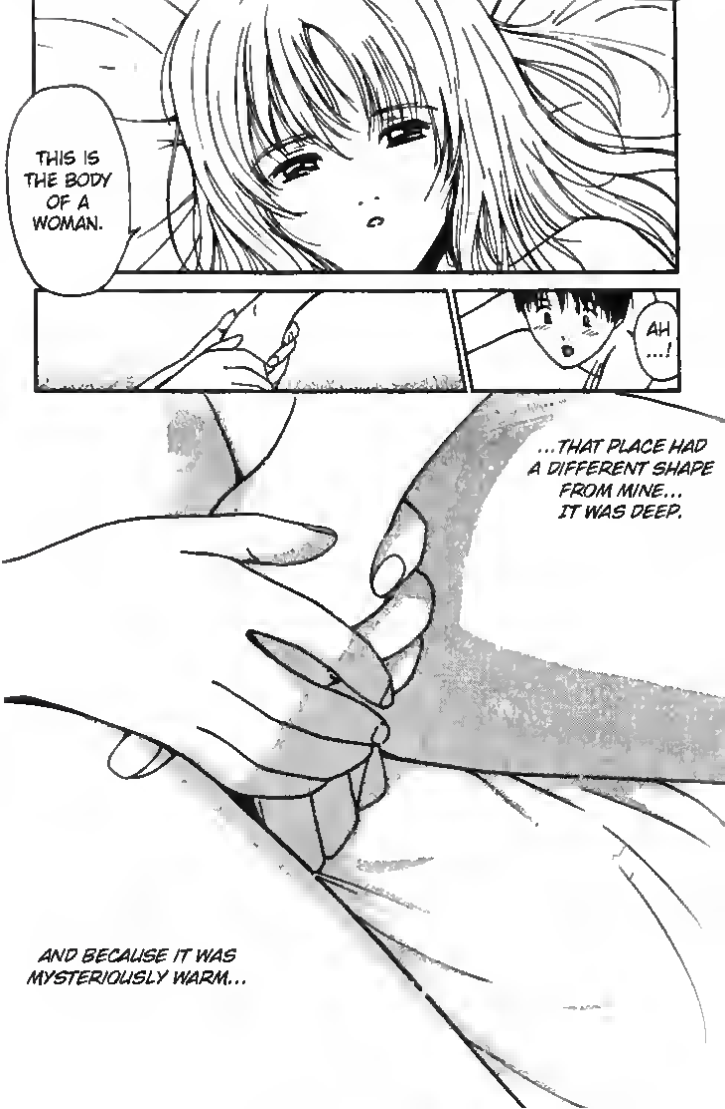

HAD TO HAVE INTERCOURSE WITH SOMEONE FROM THE OPPOSITE GENDER, IN ORDER TO CREATE LIFE.
THAT'S RIGHT A LONG TIME AGO, HUMANS, LIKE OTHER SPECIES,
I SEE.

PEOPLE FROM THAT TIME CALLED THIS GROANING WHILE HAVING SEX AN ORGASM.
ORG-ASM ...!?
SHE IS ACTUALLY ENJOYING IT.
SEEMS LIKE THE OTHER PERSON ISN'T ENJOYING IT.
THEY WOULD BE USED FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF AN INFERIOR SORT.
THESE IMAGES OF PEOPLE GETTING EXCITED, WHICH ART SCHOLARS LOOK FOR,
THEY SAID IT WAS A FORM OF EXPRESSING LOVE.
THIS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE OF THAT ERA BELIEVED THAT SEXUALITY HAD MEANINGS OTHER THAN MERE REPRODUCTION.
HM?
IKURU-KUN
ALL NEW HUMAN LIFE WAS THE RESULT OF ACTS LIKE THIS ONE.
LOVE ...?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT OUT?
AH ....
A THING LIKE THIS?

SEEMS LIKE IT MAKES YOU FEEL REALLY GOOD.
LET'S UNDRESS AND FIND OUT IF IT'S TRUE OURSELVES.
YES
REALLY?
THIS IS SOMETHING EVERYBODY DID ANYWAY.
AND IF IT IS POSSIBLE THEN...
THE WORLD'S LAST ADAM AND EVE.
WE WILL BECOME

SENSEI'S BODY WAS REALLY...
BEAUTIFUL!
SFX: SHAF


AH... OK
YOU UNDRESS TOO.
COME ON.
CONGRATULATIONS.
OH MY.... IKURU'S ALREADY FULLY GROWN
AH!
THIS IS THE BODY OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER.
TOUCH IT.
SENSEI'S BEAUTIFUL BEACUSE SHE'S SO FAIR
BAKA


THIS IS THE BODY OF A WOMAN.
AH ...!
...THAT PLACE HAD A DIFFERENT SHAPE FROM MINE... IT WAS DEEP.
AND BECAUSE IT WAS MYSTERIOUSLY WARM...

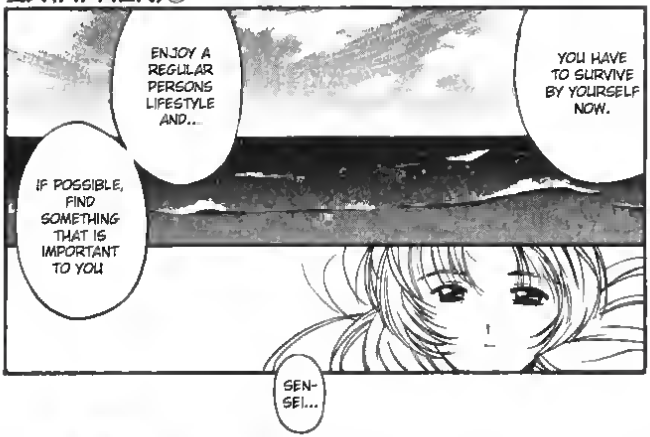
I WAS TOUCHED!
AAH...
OH, INTER-ESTING!
AND WE TOUCHED AND PULLED EACH OTHER'S BODY PARTS.
SEN-SEI!
YOU'RE TICKLING ME!
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS EMBARASSING ..
OH NO I HAVE TO HAVE A CLOSE LOOK AT IT.
LIHI
AH!

HAD FUN!
HAA
I REA-LLY ...
HAA
HAA
BUT SENSE! AND I...
WHY ISN'T IT WORKING?
WHAT A PITY
COULD NOT BECOME ONE...
BECAUSE I AM THE LAST STOP OF HUMAN EVOLUTION.

I DON'T NEED TO SUFFER WITH ANOTHER PERSON, OR TO GIVE LIFE TO ANOTHER BEING TO FULFILL MY DREAMS.
I AM THE ULTIMATE LIMIT OF DEVELOPMENT.
THE ELITE WHO LOST THE ABILITY TO REPRODUCE HAD PUSHED THE LIMITS OF HUMAN EVOLUTION WHEN IT STOPPED.
Ah
IKURU-KUN,
Ahh
Ah
SOON I WILL HAVE TO USE A CANE TO BE ABLE TO WALK.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE MY EARS AND EYES EITHER.
AND IF MY BODY DOESN'T WEAR OUT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE MY HANDS EITHER.
Ah
SEN-SEI
Ahh
nn

IKURU-KUN
AFTER MUCH SUFFERING, HUMAN BEINGS HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM THEIR PASSIONATE DESIRES FOR SEXUAL LUST.
BUT,
THE DESIRE TO HOLD THE PERSON ONE LOVES...
Ah
Ahh
I WONDER IF IT'S STILL AS FERVENT.
SENSEI
WHEN I HELD SENSEI WITH ALL OF MY STRENGTH...
AH...
SHE IMITATED THE VIDEO...

THAT DAY THE WIND BLEW HARD IN THE MORNING.
THIS IS YOUR HOUSE.
FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE LIVING HERE.
IT'S GOING TO BE HARD ON YOU, SO I'LL VISIT YOU EVERY TEN DAYS.
BUT,
WITH THIS YOU WILL BE SEPERATED FROM THIS LIFE.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR DEATH
SEN-SEI,
THAT'S WHEN MY LEGS BEGAN TO SHAKE.
I. .


YOU HAVE TO SURVIVE BY YOURSELF NOW.
ENJOY A REGULAR PERSONS LIFESTYLE AND...
IF POSSIBLE, FIND SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU
SEN-SE!...

I... UNTIL THE VERY END
I... SENSEI'S KINDNESS HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PAY IT BACK
HOW
FORGIVE ME SENSEI
BAKA

HAVE GRADUATED FROM ME.
YOU ...
DO YOU GET IT NOW? STARTING TODAY...

AI
AI...
GIRLS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO EXPOSE THEIR CHEST LIKE THAT.
WHY? IT'S HOT
EH?
SENSEI... I FINALLY FOUND THAT IMPORTANT THING YOU TOLD ME ABOUT.
HURRY!
TCH!
IN ANY CASE...
SENSEI...
THANK YOU FOR RAISING ME...
WAA!
TODAY'S MENU IS CURRY.
LET'S EAT NOW.

[#6 END]

7 AI'S PICTURE DIARY ~ HAPPY DAYS

MY NAME'S AI. IT'S THE NAME IKURU HAS GIVEN TO ME. IKURU CALLS ME AI. THAT'S WHY I CALL MYSELF AI TOO.

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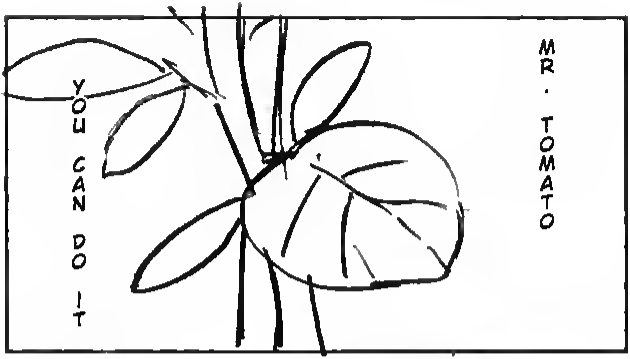
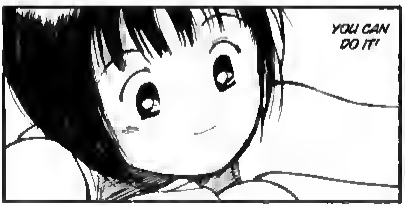
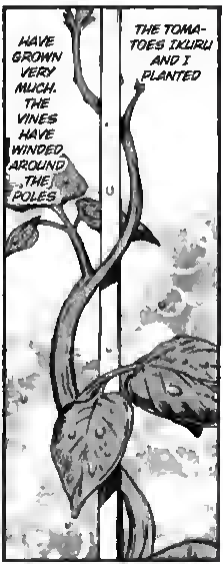

MR. TOMATO
YOU CAN DO IT

WE WATER THEM AND PUT UP A CEILING TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE SUN
IKURU AND I GO TO SEE THE TOMATOES EVERY MORNING

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SMILING AT YOU HAPPILY
THEY'RE REALLY CUTE.


YOU CAN DO IT!


THE TOMATOES IKURU AND I PLANTED
HAVE GROWN VERY MUCH. THE VINES HAVE WINDED AROUND THE POLES

I DRANK
SO I'M DRUNK

NOW WE PUT SOME ICE AND WATER

IT'S PROBABLY READY NOW.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S APRICOT WINE.

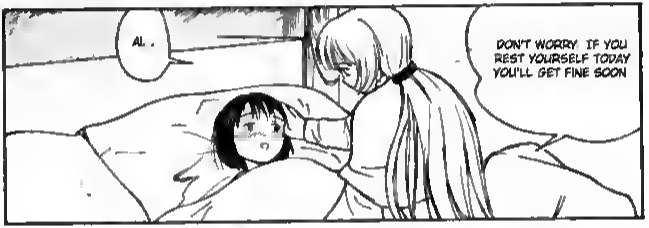
IT'S SO GOOD !!
GULP
GULP
IT HAD A PRETTY TONE OF GREEN
HERE TRY IT
IT'S PRETTY.
TAP
<SFX PUHA>
OR ELSE YOU'LL GET DRUNK
BUT YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ONE GLASS
OK!
LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY LIKED IT.
<SFX: THUMP THUMP>
THEN, I'LL PREPARE DINNER NOW.
OK
I'M ALWAYS WITH IKURU WHEN I'M EATING.
IT'S ALWAYS GOOD.
OK.
REALLY, ONLY ONE GLASS.
IKURU CAN ONLY EAT ONCE IN A WHILE.
I EAT THREE MEALS EVERY DAY, BUT
EVEN SO, HE ALWAYS FIXES ME SOME-THING TO EAT.

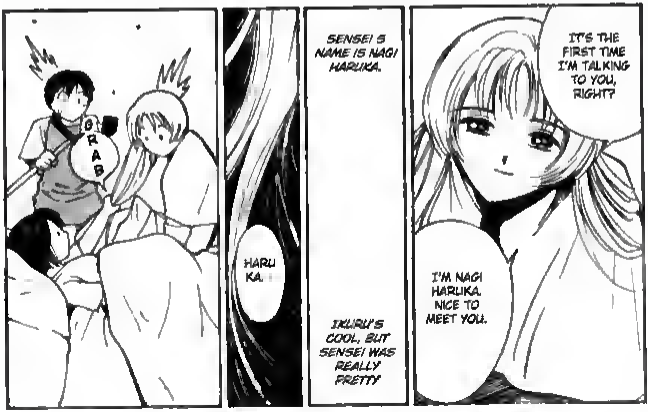
IT'S BETTER THAN DRINKING
WITH WATER !!
SAK
CHUP
GLUG
SHH
STEALTHILY
HEE HEE
HEE HEE
EH?!
UKYAKYA
WOOHO OHOO
AIII
WAH!!
AI !!
UKYAKYA KYAKYA
<SFX. DIZZY DIZZY>

I'VE CAUGHT A COLD

SNIFF
37 DEGREED AND 5 MINUTES.
AH!
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!
NO.
IT'S SPIN-NING AROUND AGAIN
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
<SFX COUGH COUGH>
SENSEI COME

PUFF PUFF
THAT'S RIGHT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY
REALLY ?
ARE YOU SURE ?
A COLD !!
IT'S A COLD
YES AN EXTREMELY NORMAL COLD


AI.
DON'T WORRY IF YOU REST YOURSELF TODAY YOU'LL GET FINE SOON


GRAB
HARUKA.
SENSEI'S NAME IS NAGI HARUKA.
IKURU'S COOL, BUT SENSEI WAS REALLY PRETTY
I'M NAGI HARUKA. NICE TO MEET YOU.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M TALKING TO YOU, RIGHT?

HARUKA'S PRETTY
HARUKA'S HAIR IS PRETTY TOO.
WHEN THE SUN-LIGHT TOUCHED HER HAIR, IT LET OUT RAYS THAT RESEMBLED A RAINBOW
AH.
THANK YOU.
SEN-SEI
SENSEI !
WHAT ?
SENSEI !!
WHAT !?
<SFX. SMILE>

TELL ME THE TRUTH!
IT'S REALLY
IS IT REALLY
JUST A MERE COLD!!
JUST A COLD!?
PHEWW
DON'T WORRY.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HER STATE RIGHT NOW.
AL...
AL, SHE'S A VERY GOOD KID.....
MY COLD GOT BETTER. HARUKA BECAME MY FRIEND!
OK! IT'S READY!

IKURU! IKURU!
TAP
WHAT DO YOU THINK!?
WHAT DO YOU THINK!?
HM...
VERY PRETTY - !!
<SFX: PROUD>
PUT YOUR HAIR DOWN WHEN YOU SLEEP
HE TOLD ME I LOOKED PRETTY, BUT HE SAID SOMETHING ELSE LATER ON
<SFX: SNIFF>
SO I DREW IT WELL.
IT FELT LIKE A WASTE TO JUST PUT IT DOWN
Ai

THIS IS STILL A SECRET THAT IKURU DOESN T KNOW

SOMEHOW, I ..

FEEL THAT I KNOW AND I'M SCARED ABOUT IT.

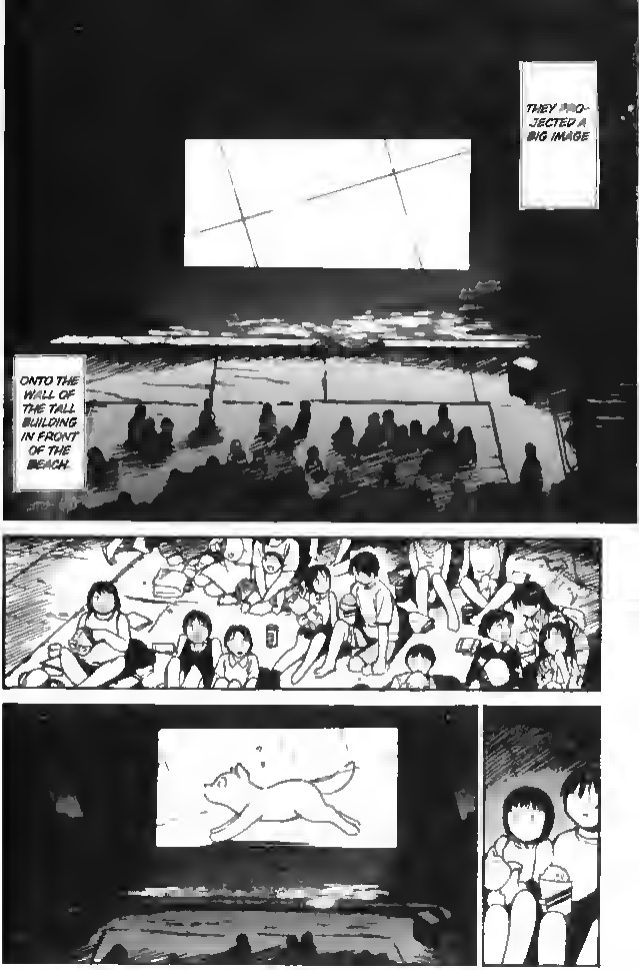
A LONG TIME AGO, I WAS SOME OTHER PERSON DIFFERENT THAN MY CURRENT SELF. THE ME WHO'S NOT AI. THIS OTHER ME IS STILL WITHIN MYSELF. I'M SURE SHE WILL COME OUT SOON. THEN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO AI, WHO'S MY CURRENT SELF? AM I GOING TO DISAPPEAR?

I CAN'T HELP IT BUT FEEL SAD AND LONELY.

WOULD THE OTHER ME TOUCH THE TOMATOES AS WELL?

WE WENT TO THE MARKET PLACE!!
HOLD MY HAND SO THAT YOU DON'T GET LOST.
OK
LALA
I CHALLENGED A CRAB.

KOZO
FUSHU
YAHOO!
WHIRL
THUMP
THUMP
WE WATCHED A MOVIE
WE ALSO GAMBLED
THIS ONE!
LET'S MOVE ON
DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME
TO EAT THE COTTON CANDY
IT WAS HARD
CHEW
CHEW


THEY PROJECTED A BIG IMAGE
ONTO THE WALL OF THE TALL BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE BEACH.

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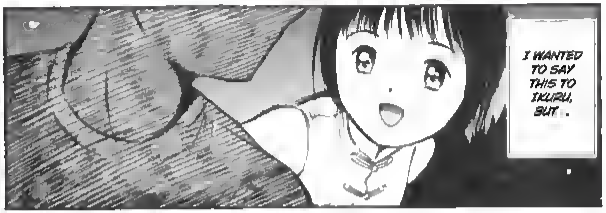
THE END

I'LL GO SLOWLY, SO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FALL, OK?
ARE YOU SLEEPY ?
OK.
NOD
NOD
WE ENDED UP WATCHING 3 MOVIES
AH...
SPLASH
GRAB

HM?
SQUEEZE
AAH...
THE DAY I WAS BORN
IKUMU BROUGHT ME HERE AND SHOWED ME THE BEACH AND THE SKY.

I LOOKED AT THE BEACH AND THE SKY WITH IKURU IN THIS PLACE.
IT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL AND I WAS REALLY HAPPY - !!



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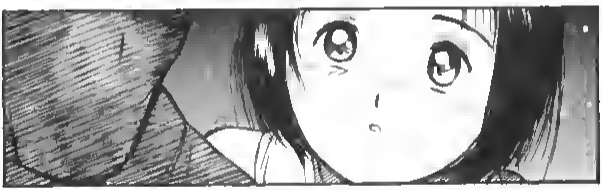
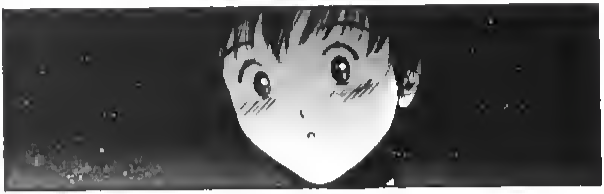


SOMEHOW, I FELT EMBARRASSED AND ENDED UP SAYING NOTHING TO HIM

AND I IMITATED ONE OF THE SCENES WE WATCHED IN ONE OF THE MOVIES.



DOKI DOKI .. DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI

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[AI-REN]

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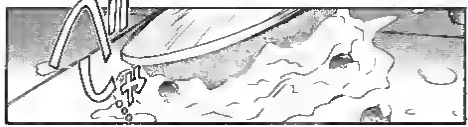
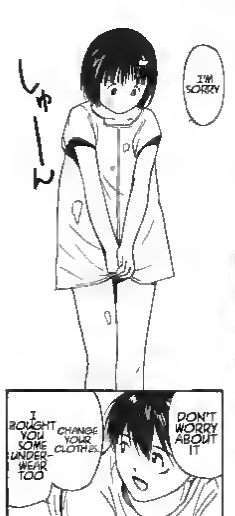
#1.5 NICE TO MEET YOU


I STARTED FEELING THAT SOMETHING DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT IN THE AFTERNOON.


I'M SORRY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
I BOUGHT YOU SOME UNDERWEAR TOO

AND THE FOOD I PREPARED..
THE CAKE I MADE FOR WELCOMING AI

IKU-RU!
HOW AM I SUPP-OSED TO WEAR THIS?
!!
WAAAA!♡
AH, WAIT-!!
IT'S A LITTLE ODD...
AH, IKURU!

IT'S AMAZING, RIGHT?
まぁ…?
THAT'S IKURU!
THERE MUST BE SOME PROBLEM.
SHE'S JUST LIKE A CHILD!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
I DON'T THINK SOMEONE LIKE MIA WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF A PATIENT.
IS THIS HOW "AI-RENJI" REALLY ARE?
NOT REALLY SHE WAS JUST BORN YESTERDAY.
SHE PROBABLY NEEDS A LITTLE MORE TIME TO ADJUST HERSELF TO THIS WORLD, BUT

HOW IS SHE NOW? IS SHE DELICATE AND PURE JUST LIKE HER FACE
SHE'S DRAWING ON THE WALL
NORMALLY, SHE SHOULD'VE REACHED AN APPROPRIATE MENTAL AGE AFTER 30 HOURS OF ACTIVATION...

IN REALITY, TIME CAUSES A VARIATION IN THE MEMORY HER PERSONALITY WAS STORED AT
BESIDES, HUMANS KEEP GROWING, RIGHT?
WH-AT?!?
?
MAYBE HER CHEMICAL IMPRINTING IS NOT VERY STABLE RIGHT NOW IT VARIES DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL

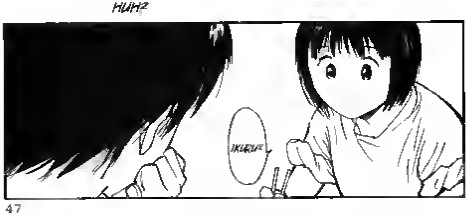
DON'T TELL ME I'M GETTING INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING THAT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE...

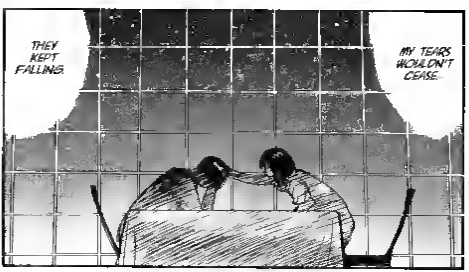
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
"SFX. GURGLE"
GRRR
"SFX. PULL PULL"
OWW-WW!!
CAN YOU WAIT A LITTLE MORE? I'LL MAKE YOU SOMETHING WHEN I'M DONE WITH THIS.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
LIAR
YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO COOK FOR ME
AH SHE REMEMBERS WHAT I SAID THAT TIME

I AM A LITTLE
UPSET AND WORRIED
WHAT TYPE OF PERSON IS SHE?
I WONDER
"AI-REN" AI
BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HANDLE A CHILD LIKE HER
SOMEONE WON'T BE ALONE ANYMORE
"SFX STARE"
ジー
"SFX HIDE"
I'M SORRY
ABOUT HURTING YOU
IKURU
WHAT IS IT?

* <LEAVE IT TO ME>
*まかせて
I'LL MAKE SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOU
YOU'RE HUNGRY, RIGHT?
SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME
SORRY FOR TAKING SO LONG
PUD-DING?
YEP IT'S SOMETHING SWEET AND TASTY
FOR DESERT YOU'LL HAVE PUDDING
ろはさっ
will
there
AMAZ-ING!
YOU CAN EAT NOW!

WA AA...
ITADA-KIMASU!
YE-AH!
IT'S REALLY GOOD ♡
"FU FU!"
OK!
THAT ONE'S HOT, SO BE CAREFUL
THAT ONE'S GOOD, RIGHT?
WOW ~~~
THAT'S A RELIEF
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE REALLY HUNGRY
HAHA HA


HUH?
IKUEUE



AI, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY HOME

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